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### **Bios: Phil Vassar, 10 Out of Tenn** *Music City Center Grand Opening*

#### Phil Vassar

After six albums, two ASCAP Songwriter of the Year trophies, countless hits as a singer and songwriter, and a mantle full of awards, Phil Vassar is as driven today as he was when he first left his Virginia home to pursue – and realize – his dream of making his mark on Country music. Known as one of Nashville's top tunesmiths, Vassar was racking up hits on the radio long before he even began his own recording career. "My Next Thirty Years," "For A Little While" (both by Tim McGraw), "She's Right On The Money" (Alan Jackson) and "I'm Alright" (Jo Dee Messina) are just a few of the songs he's penned that other artists have recorded and taken to the top of the charts. Excited at the limitless possibilities of starting fresh, Vassar launched the Rodeowave label in 2011 to continue the work he started so many years ago. He continues to churn out incisive, soulful lyrics and infectious melodies that capture the heart and soul in the unique and special way that only he can. First up to be released is Phil's seventh album – recorded in Nashville with brand new music included.

#### 10 Out of Tenn (TOT)

10 Out of Tenn is a unique community of artists bravely forging their way through the difficulties of today's music industry. Similar to the folk movement of the '60s in New York, (including Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Joni Mitchell and Neil Young), this exciting group of young musicians are passionate about one thing above all else: creating authentic, soul-driven music that has nothing to do with ego and everything to do with making art for art's sake. TOT features a rotating group of artists who have collectively had well over 100 television song placements, as well as music in film and commercials. These accomplishments are impressive, but it is when the TOT artists swap instruments on stage, gather around one microphone and improvise on their own and each other's songs that the magic really happens. TOT's fourth collaborative record and sixth U.S. tour are sure to spawn even more creative endeavors and a stronger sense of community for the artists, as well as stellar entertainment for their listeners. It is a revolution in the making, a refreshing effort of love and a unique point of pride for Nashville's changing culture.

*Note: The May 19 performance at the Music City Center will feature group members Trent Dabbs, Gabe Dixon, Butterfly Boucher, Katie Herzig, Jeremy Lister, k.s. Rhoads, Tyler James, Andy Davis, Matthew Perryman Jones and Amy Stroup.*

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